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Agricultural Conditions, Manchuria

- 1. Communist inspection teams found great deterioration of crops, and for this lack of planning tax collectors were criticized severely by the newspapers. Although railroad depots north of Mukden are used as granaries, much of the grain was stored in open areas without proper covering. 50X1
- 2. Heavy floods occurred in areas south and west of Mukden during the summer while a drought was experienced in the Kirin-Harbin area. The Communist press estimated that the crop was only 60 percent of normal, with losses of more than 50 percent in certain areas. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

Miscellaneous Information, Mukden

- 3. There is little evidence of price control in Mukden. Exorbitant prices are asked for manufactured goods; and clothing, such as shirts, socks and towels, are of Chinese make rather than Soviet. The retailing of tobacco and wine is a government monopoly, and the Tobacco Company, Mukden is not operating at the present time. 50X1-HUM
- 4. Except for trucks and buses using charcoal fuel, all government vehicles are gas operated. The Churin Department Store operated weapons carrier as a bus for its employees. 50X1-HUM
- 5. The partially constructed wing of the Communications Building on Chungshan Road, Mukden was completed and will provide 30 percent additional space. Air raid sirens are located in strategic areas of Mukden; the sirens are used to denote hours of the day. 50X1-HUM
- 6. The Communists maintain a weekly flight in either a C-46 or C-47 to Mukden. All planes land at Peiling Airfield; however, three planes were observed landing at Hunho Airfield three planes painted white, resembling advanced trainers, and balloons about thirty feet in height and twenty feet in diameter flew over Mukden. 50X1-HUM
- 7. Railroad stations which were destroyed during the Communist and Nationalist

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battles between Mukden and Tientsin have been repaired or are now in the process of rebuilding. Roadbeds from Mukden to Shanhaikuan are in good condition but those from Shanhaikuan to Tientsin are in need of repair. Second bridges have been constructed across many of the smaller rivers between Mukden and Tientsin. The average length of freight trains between Mukden and Tientsin is forty cars. There is a heavy rail movement of timber into Mukden.

Coal Mine and Thermal Electric Plant, Fushun

8. Because of deterioration, the Fushun thermal electric plant is only capable of producing two-thirds of the labeled capacity of the generators. Difficulty is also experienced at the Fushun open pit coal mine, where the Communists have neglected to remove a layer of oil bearing shale before mining. Communist officials estimate that it will require six months before the mines can be properly worked.

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